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☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15 (canceled)

~~16.~~ A process for preparing a catalyst comprising the steps of:

- (a) impregnating γ -alumina with a solution containing a magnesium salt;
- (b) drying the product of step (a); and
- (c) impregnating the product of step (b) with a solution containing a copper salt and, optionally, a lithium salt.

~~17.~~ The process of claim ~~16~~ wherein said salts are chloride salts.

18-30 (canceled)